

Podcast: Indiana's Automated County Highlights

The Department of Workforce Development has launched its new *automated* County Highlights on its “Hoosiers by the Numbers” website. County Highlights first appeared in 1993 as a traditional annually updated publication, providing a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties. Key to the popularity of Indiana’s County Highlights has been and continues to be the reliability of the historical and current data, and the presentation of the information in carefully constructed tables and graphs.

As a part of Indiana’s data initiative, *Information for Indiana*, the automated County Highlights continues a series of content and usability upgrades of the data that the department regularly compiles on Indiana’s workforce.

Now, as an automated web-based product, updating of the various data series occurs automatically and continually throughout the year rather than only once a year as Indiana Workforce Development updates its databases. This automatic updating of County Highlights provides the most current information to you at all times. Later this year, “Highlights” will be expanded to include pages for the State of Indiana and each of the state’s Economic Growth Regions.

Each County Highlight includes a general county overview and separate easy-access tabs to get the graphs, tables and analysis you need. Topics include county population, education, commuting, labor force, industry, income and firm size data. Individual web pages can be exported into popular computer worksheet and document formats such as excel, word or the “pdf” ready-to-print publication format. As the user, you choose just the information you need – from a single specific topic of interest to the entire contents of the County Highlights in a publication-ready document.

County Highlights data on “Hoosiers by the Numbers” are used by economic development officials, researchers, policymakers and other officials in a wide variety of economic development initiatives and community investment decisions.

Speaking about this new product, the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, said “Good information and intelligence at the local and regional level drives good decision making in our communities. We hope that this new service will become an invaluable tool for economic and workforce development leaders and others throughout the state.”

To get the timely and local information you need, get Indiana’s County Highlights for your county at the Indiana Department of Workforce Development’s “Hoosiers by the Numbers” website at <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/highlights>.